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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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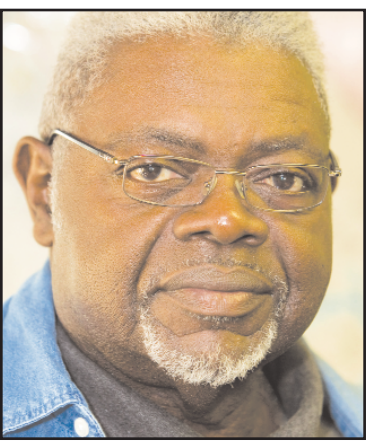


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BERNEST HEWETT

MS. GOLDIA EVANS

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we have lost another outstanding citizen, Ms. Goldia Evans. She was 101 years old when she passed away a few weeks ago. If she had lived until January 6, 2019, she would



MS. GOLDIA EVANS

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2018 was the year of Black voting victories; but voting lessons are yet to be learned

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - At this time last year, political observers around the nation were expecting a landslide turnout in the mid-term elections Nov. 6, 2018, demonstrating the power of Black voters - among others - to flip the then Republican-dominated House of Representatives.

Ten months later, it happened. Because of millions of determined voters, 40 Republican House seats were lost to Democrats, giving the party most voted for by Black people a 235-199 majority. Much deserved rejoicing has taken place over this success - by even non-partisan organizations whose only goals were to get as many voters to the polls as possible.

But despite the clear victories on many fronts, there are yet major lessons to be learned. Even as the overturn of the House has yielded major committee leadership sensitive to African-Americans, the loss of four Black candidates in statewide races have yet to be explained.

** Democrat Stacey Abrams, after a brutal gubernatorial race in Georgia - lost to Republican Brian Kemp by 54,723 votes.

**Democrat Andrew Gillum, in another nail biter gubernatorial election, lost to Republican Ron DeSantis by 32,463 votes.

** Democrat Benjamin Todd Jealous - with the Democratic nomination in the predominately Democratic state of Maryland, lost to Republican incumbent Larry Hogan by 273,005 votes.

**Democrat Mike Espy, in a race that also gained national attention because of racial issues involved, lost to Republican Cindy Hyde-Smith by 68,585 votes in their Nov. 27th Runoff for the U. S. Senate.

Even as the nation remained spellbound in anticipation of the congressional election results, drama in the four statewide races stayed in the news. But since Nov. 6, there has been little discussion over how the Black vote might have been increased so that the statewide Black candidates might have won or could win in the future.

Undergirding this issue is the fact that, nationally, more than 7 million Black voters (7,135,303) were unregistered in the spring of 2018, according to

documents publically distributed by former Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Donna Brazile. The list included 349,675 unregistered in Georgia; 199,656 unregistered in Maryland; 336,235 unregistered in Florida and 189,710 unregistered in Mississippi. In all four elections, just a fraction of more Black voters registered and voting for the Black candidates might have made a difference.

Nevertheless, even the 49-year-old Joint Center for Political and economic studies, which has "re-emerged as the preeminent center on how political and economic forces shape the lives of

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Famed musician passes unexpectedly at age of 65

BY RHONDA BELLAMY CONTRIBUTING WRITER



GRENALDO FRAZIER

FILE PHOTO

Funeral services have been announced for famed musician Grenaldo Frazier who passed away unexpectedly at his Wilmington home at the age of 65.

He is being remembered by fans near and far who flocked to performances to witness his vocal prowess and mastery of the piano.

"Grenaldo Frazier touched many in his life. Our son Will is one of the many. Beginning when Will was only two, he was around this amazing man, first at Water Street Restaurant, sitting on a stool next to the "piano man," making funky rhythms, and then over a period of twenty five years at family gatherings; performing for birthdays and weddings simply for the pure joy of sharing "his gift! I am sure many in our community have similar stories of how this honest, sweet and giving man made such enormous impressions with his genius," said long-time friend Harper Peterson.

The Road from Red Cross Street to Broadway and Beyond

After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a journalism major, Frazier moved to New York City in 1972 as a pianist for two touring shows - "Journey Into Blackness" and "Harlem Heyday", an anthology of African-American music of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

"I met him while he was on the road performing with Voices Inc, doing "Journey Into Blackness". The company came to perform at my University and that was the beginning of a friendship that will last my lifetime," said Randy Flood, a member of Frazier's New York inner circle.

Frazier would later be featured as Barnaby Tucker on Broadway and on the national tour of Pearl Bailey/Billy Daniels' hit "Hello, Dolly!" In the 1980's,

Frazier won the off-Broadway Audelco Award as composer of "Deadwood Dick" and for musically directing the national tour of "Your Arms Too Short to Box With God." Later he toured arenas as Phineas T. Barnswallow, a W.C. Fields character in Sesame Live.

He would end the 1980s as composer and musical director of "Mama I Want to Sing", the longest running gospel musical, named one of Time magazine's 10 Best Musicals of 1984. He also composed the score and musically directed "Moms Mabley" at the Astor Place Theatre. The 1990s found him winning dual Audelco Awards as musical director for James Weldon Johnson's "God's Trombones" and as an actor in "Robert Johnson Trick the Devil" off Broadway at the Schomberg Center on 135th St. He also toured Europe as a singer/dancer in Andre Heller's "Body and Soul".

Since returning to Wilmington in the early 1990's, he has been an artist-in-residence at North Carolina State University, Harvard Divinity School, Penn State/Harrisburg and has performed all over the country in clubs and theaters.

"We were amazed at the caliber of his talent and marveled that we could enjoy him right here in Morehead City. After an evening around the piano bar with him, we felt as if we'd been in a New York establishment," said Lee & Sally Lumpkin, members of the board of directors of the Arts Council of Carteret County.

Funeral services are planned for Tuesday, January 8, at 11:00 a.m. at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 719 Walnut St., Wilmington.

Plans for a Community Memorial Service will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

Frazier was scheduled to open the 39th Annual North Carolina Jazz Festival on January 31. The time slot will now feature a tribute to Frazier by El Jaye Johnson.



MRS. ANNA BRIGGS MOORE

Church and community leader succumbs

BY BEVERLY SMALLS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Anna Briggs Moore, affectionately known in past decades as, "Miss Saint Luke," served as an iconic community resource for local religious and civic organizations. The African Methodist Episcopal Zion church leader departed her earthly life December 27.

The ninety-nine year old wife of Elder Aaron Moore traveled extensively for church activities in Cape Fear, state, national and international programs and conferences.

Formally educated with a degree in Christian Education, she also served as secretary for the late Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, a presiding elder of the Wilmington District of the Cape Fear Conference.

At Saint Luke AME Zion Church Briggs Moore served in many leadership and membership roles. "She worked very much with Christian Education, taught Sunday School, was a Choral Choir member," personal family friend Posey Johnson said.

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BLACK VOTERS

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Black people and communi-
ties," according to its president,
Spencer Overton, never even
mentioned the four candidates
- nor the Black vote - in the
Center's annual report,
released Dec. 28. And while the
Center aims to continue its
major campaigns on Black
employment, the future of
work, and diversity on Capitol
Hill in 2019, there is no mention
of the Black vote or how to
increase the Black vote as a pri-
ority in the New Year.

Black voter turnout, in past
years, has been at its highest
when there are exciting candi-
dates on the ballot such as dur-
ing the election of President
Barack Obama in 2008. The
Black vote in Georgia was also
at its peak on Election Day dur-
ing the intense fight for the
gubernatorial election of the
charismatic Stacey Abrams.
Yet, even the most exciting
campaigners in America work-
ing for Abrams; including for-
mer President Obama, former
First Lady Michelle Obama
and Oprah Winfrey, could not
pull the necessary votes for her
to win.

Perhaps the greatest voting
success in the Black communi-
ty was among Black women in
general who voted based on
issues such as the need for
Medicare, Medicaid, Social
Security and Affordable
Healthcare, jobs, education and
guns as domestic policy priori-
ties, according to the Black
Women's Roundtable, con-
vened by Melanie Campbell,
who is also president and CEO
of the National Coalition on
Black Civic Participation.

Campbell recently said in a
statement: "This past election
is further proof that Black
women are clearly the 'secret
sauce' with regard to maximiz-
ing the power and impact of
the Black women's vote and
leadership. Black women not
only led in voting, they led
highly successful national and
state-based campaigns, raised
money for Black voting cam-
paigns, recruited and trained
Black women candidates that
were a key part of shifting
power in many congressional
races and much more. Folks
need to remember, if you want
to win, follow black women."

But, the losses of Abrams,
Espy, Gillum and Jealous have
made it plain that - in statewide
elections - additional strategies
will be needed.

Political scientist Dr. Wilmer
Leon said Ben Jealous' loss was
largely based on personalities
and competing political strate-
gies. Leon said in an interview
last fall that "Because the state
of Maryland, by most statis-
tics, is doing well," Black voters
have taken an "if it's not broke;
don't fix it," approach.

He said, "Hogan has never
proven himself to be a blind
Republican ideologue. He's
more of a moderate
Republican than he is an
extreme right wing
Republican. So, with that, it's
easier for Democrats to vote for
him."

Charles Taylor, a communi-
ty organizer and political data
manager, who has been intri-
cately involved in voter regis-
tration in Mississippi, includ-
ing the Mississippi Conference
NAACP's "This is My Vote"
campaign, which registered
more than 29,000 Black voters
in Mississippi in 2012, has a
national perspective on ways to
increase the Black vote on local
levels, especially in the South.
Taylor says the statewide loss-
es by Black candidates - particu-
larly in Florida, Georgia and
Mississippi - are more indica-
tive of historic neglect by the
Democratic Party, primarily
supported by Black voters, and
others who do not invest mas-
sive resources in get-out-to-vote
and voter registration in the
South.

"If the narrative that these
candidates could have won if
only African-Americans had
done X, that's a horrible narra-
tive because it's not a hopeful
narrative and doesn't really tell
the true story," Taylor says.
"African-Americans in the
electorate are already over per-
forming their counterparts. The
true issue of voting as it
relates to any race of people is
not apathy."

Taylor concludes that maxi-
mizing the Black vote across
the South has to begin with a
strategy that includes national
organizations and community
insiders working together to

reach and educate voters.
"They have been neglected for
so long by any [national]
Democratic Party any progres-
sive party," he says. "I'm saying
that it would be wise for nation-
al to invest in the South. The
reason why this country is as
conservative as it is, is because
people have been neglectful of
the South - and by extension -
neglectful of rural America."

Taylor pointed to the post-
slavery Reconstruction period
as an example of the progress
that could have been made by
now had America kept pace
with the elections of Blacks
during that time (1863-1877).
During Reconstruction, more
than 2,000 Black people were
elected to public office, includ-
ing 16 elected to the U.S.
Congress, more than 600 in
state legislatures, and hun-
dreds in local offices across the
South, according to
History.com.

"It all came to a halt when we
were able to put race over good
policy for a number of rea-
sons," Taylor said. He added
that he is just not sure people in
certain parts of the country
are ready to again, "make that
investment."

African-Americans Unregistered to Vote by State (Estimated)

Alaska	8,094	Mississippi	189,710
Alabama	170,203	Montana	1,667
Arkansas	125,696	North Carolina	177,421
Arizona	87,063	Nebraska	26,113
California	520,255	New Hampshire	6,092
Colorado	42,664	New Jersey	217,074
Connecticut	84,676	New Mexico	12,133
District of Columbia	12,365	Nevada	48,896
Delaware	37,594	New York	433,094
Florida	336,235	Ohio	271,421
Georgia	349,675	Oklahoma	90,859
Hawaii	5,837	Oregon	16,551
Iowa	30,973	Pennsylvania	227,464
Idaho	3,068	Rhode Island	18,868
Illinois	296,306	South Carolina	192,078
Indiana	162,253	South Dakota	4,180
Kansas	60,994	Tennessee	375,364
Kentucky	114,067	Texas	758,165
Louisiana	274,832	Utah	9,659
Massachusetts	274,832	Virginia	311,154
Maryland	199,656	Vermont	2,944
Maine	3,717	Washington	79,062
Michigan	240,787	Wisconsin	93,242
Minnesota	81,781	West Virginia	30,481
Missouri	189,544	Wyoming	3,349

CHART SHOWING NUMBERS OF UNREGISTERED BLACK VOTERS
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GROUPS ASK TO EXTEND PUBLIC-COMMENT PERIODS DUE TO SHUTDOWN

BY ANTIONETTE KERR OF NCNS

ASHEVILLE, N.C. - Conservation groups are

keeping a watchful eye on federal agency websites during the government shutdown and say some pages have been taken down, at agencies that include the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service Planning and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The concern says Taylor McKinnon, public lands campaigner for the Center for Biological Diversity, is that those sites are key to accessing information and ways for people to comment on environmental deci-

sions. "With this shutdown, the public has been blocked from accessing the information it needs to participate in the planning processes, and they have pending comment deadlines," says McKinnon.

McKinnon says his group also questions the motives behind taking down the web pages, and has requested in writing that the administration extend the public-comment periods because of the government shutdown.

McKinnon says shutting down websites and public-

comment portals isn't consistent with federal policy. He cites an Interior Department post that indicates employees shouldn't be updating pages during a shutdown period, but clearly states that websites should remain online.

"The standing policy for the Department of the Interior is that these websites are supposed to remain active during shutdowns," says McKinnon. "They have a policy that's very clear. It suggests that there was a deliberate effort here to actually take these

sites offline." North Carolina groups say last year's proposal to reduce protections for endangered red wolves as an example - as more than 100,000 people commented in favor of keeping strong federal protections in place. The decision was delayed in November. The Wildlife Network conservation scientist Ron Sutherland, who helped count public comments for the red wolf protection, has been watching during the shutdown with concern.

"This is a democracy and

the public has a chance to weigh in on these issues, like red wolf conservation, and one of the only ways they can weigh is through these public comment periods," says Sutherland. "That's why they were set up. People are very enthusiastic about doing that. It makes them feel like they are actually contributing to public policy."

Groups are asking the administration to immediately reactivate the Interior Department's portals and extend the dates for current public-comment periods.

BRIGGS MOORE

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"She was in everything in Saint Luke."

Such sentiments were confirmed by long standing Saint Luke member, Inez Richardson. "She was very active, an outstanding leader," Richardson her high school classmate said softly.

"She was a missionary and a deaconess."

Moore's husband is Presiding Elder Emeritus of the Clarkton District Cape Fear Conference AME Zion Church.

"He also pastored in California for a while. Though she didn't want to leave Wilmington she went with him. He promised her she could visit Wilmington as

often as she liked," Johnson said of the couple who were sometimes referred to as, "two peas in a pod."

After her husband's retirement and relocation to their Cape Fear origins her former leadership skills blossomed again.

Well known in community services for the aging, Briggs Moore presided over the Senior Citizen Fellowship for

several years that spanned leadership for two and three family generations.

"They met every Tuesday in the New Hanover County Senior Center," Johnson said.

Briggs Moore served as a reporter for The Wilmington Journal and provided accurate details of meetings and activities weekly.

She was also a member of Salem Lodge, the Eastern

Stars, the Tents, and a local Gullah-Geechee Caucus, a planning unit for the Department of the Interior's Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor Management Plan.

Lovers of "Black History," the Moores taped oral history in the Cape Fear Community College Television Studio, for a Gullah Geechee Caucus program.

Their residence across

from St. Andrew AME Zion, Elder Moore's church, afforded close congregational family friendships. In 2017, her family honored her with a ninety-eighth birthday celebration in the St. Andrew AME Zion Fellowship Hall.

The funeral service is scheduled for Thursday, January 3 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church.

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have seen her 102nd birthday, but God saw that she needed to rest from this world and come and see him.

When I got in touch with the family, I was able to get a picture and the family history from her granddaughter, Ms. Marion Evans. She came through the storms of life a proud and gracious woman. If you didn't want the truth or an answer, you didn't ask

her a question. After all that she lived through she still had a sense of humor and joy in her life.

THE LIFE OF GOLDIA MAE SPARROW-EVANS,

BY

MARION EVANS-BRYANT, GRANDDAUGHTER

Goldia Mae Sparrow-Evans was born on January 6, 1917 to Edward Samuel Sparrow and Annie Lou Johnson-Sparrow. She was the sixth of ten siblings. She graduated from Midway School in Bolivia in the early

1930s.

She married Arthur Mae Evans, Sr. and birthed fourteen children. She worked for many years at the department store Belks, while providing care to her quadriplegic son, the Reverend Kersell Evans. She suffered through many other tragedies throughout her 101 years, but held her faith in God through it all.

Goldia was a member of the PTA and was a talented quilter. She fundraised for the church within the "Going

to Jerusalem" party. Her love in life was gardening. A gift that God granted for her ability to not only provide for her family, but also to the community. She raised livestock which consisted of hogs, chickens, ducks, cows and goats.

Goldia is an authentic strand of the Bolivia community. Her parents were some of the first to receive electricity and own an automobile. As an adult, Goldia was mother to many. Her home was the place where you

could go to get a hot meal, have revival and according to the teenagers at the time, she would even let you experiment in science projects. She was a woman of petite stature but very big in heart and giving. She was a very generous person, something she learned from her parents.

Goldia lived through segregation, Jim Crow laws, the Civil Rights Era, integration and saw many wars. One of the proudest moments of her life was to see a black man as president. Goldia was the

recipient of the Lifelong Service Award from the NAACP, joining in 1955 when the Brunswick County chapter first got its start. She was able to provide lifelong memberships to her children, grands and great grandchildren.

Goldia passed naturally at home on December 3, 2018, almost a month short of her 102nd birthday. She lived a full and honorable life before her family and community while leaving many cherished memories for generations to come.

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RAINBOW COALITION

A petulant president shuts down government and insults working people

The partial government shutdown continues, and 800,000 federal employees are going without pay, either furloughed and forced not to work or deemed "essential" and forced to work without pay.

On Christmas Day, President Trump suggested that the workers supported the shutdown that he earlier said he would be "proud" to cause: "Many of those workers have said to me, communicated, stay out until you get the funding for the wall."



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

This is a billionaire's conceit. Federal employees are not wealthy. Like most Americans, many live paycheck to paycheck. The shutdown, which started on Dec. 22, stopped all paychecks just as the holiday approached. It also terminated all paid time off for workers, even for those who have scheduled leave for the holiday and will lose the paid time off if they don't use it by the end of the year.

It is hard to imagine anything more disruptive, or more callous.

Unlike the president, Trump's Office of Personnel Management recognizes the plight that workers face in the shutdown. It issued suggestions on how employees might negotiate with landlords and creditors over missed payments, even suggesting that they offer to do "painting or carpentry" in lieu of rent. Even if Congress eventually votes to reimburse employees for back pay, it isn't likely to cover the fines, penalty fees, late fees, and hit to credit ratings that the shutdown will cause.

For years, conservatives have maligned federal workers as overpaid, inefficient and intrusive. Ever since President Ronald Reagan quipped that the most dangerous words in the English language are "I'm from the government and I'm here to help," federal workers have been scorned and mocked.

This is just plain ignorant. Federal workers are public servants — they do the public's work. They are air traffic controllers, park rangers, border patrol officers and prison employees. They guard our coasts, they protect our air and water, they care for public lands, they administer our Social Security and Medicare.

We rely on them in big and little ways. When Republicans cut the public servants in the Internal Revenue Service, the wealthy and corporations find it easier to avoid paying their fair share of taxes. When OSHA inspectors are cut, employees are at greater risk in the work place.

When the Justice Department cuts back on anti-trust, private monopolies and fraud fleece millions of Americans. When we get stuck waiting in lines or find getting help from a federal official difficult, we should remember that it isn't because the employees are incompetent, it's because right-wing attacks on government and cuts in resources have rendered them less able to do their work.

Conservatives say they believe in markets, not government, but free and efficient markets depend on government to enforce laws, break up monopolies, police against fraud. Without an active and efficient government, the criminal and the grifters drive out the honest and the decent from the marketplace, and we are all worse off as a result.

Trump's shutdown is simply the most recent of his assaults on the employees of the government that he was elected to run. He's scorned them as part of the "swamp," sought to freeze their pay, cut their retirements and undermine their labor organizations.

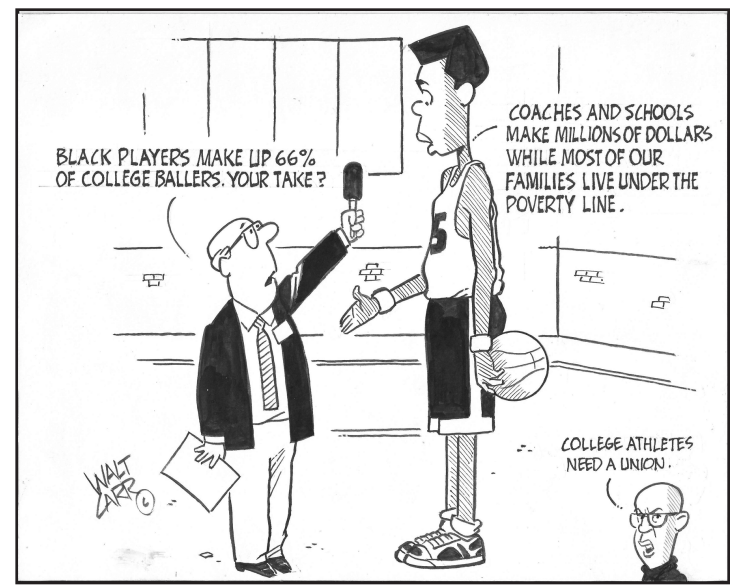
Instead of paying tribute to their service, he's demeaned their capacity, even while cutting the resources needed to do their jobs. Not surprisingly, the non-partisan Best Places to Work report finds a decline in employee engagement and morale under Trump.

The shutdown will do real damage to many federal employees and their families. And it will do real damage to the services that we need and expect from our government. For Trump and the right, this is a sucker's play.

They demean federal employees, shut down parts of the government, cut back resources and staffing to do needed tasks and then use the resulting inefficiency as evidence that government can't work.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

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YOUR VOICE

TRYING TO LOVE TWO, YOURSELF AND MONEY, AIN'T EASY TO DO....

When the Democratic majority, we voted in, take control of the U.S. House on January 3rd, there will be several hearings investigating TRUMP and the bias, backstabbing, low IQ people he hired to serve him. The house judiciary committee, using its subpoena power,

will call Donald Trump Jr. back to testify but this time under oath. U. S. House Representatives Maxine Waters will get a forensic look at the last six years of TRUMP'S tax returns (smile). The congressional hearings will provide great vocabulary lessons for those who did not learn government in high school as well as today students. These words and more

will be repeated over and over becoming everyday words until TRUMP resigns or is impeached: laundering money, blackmail, infidelity, hush money, quid pro quo, indictment, allocation, grand jury, perjure, presidential succession, 5th amendment, 25th amendment, impeachment, sexual harassment, embezzling, nepotism, treason, conspiracy, commin-

gling money, fraud, interfering with an investigation, inside trading, fiduciary, pathological liar and the TRUMP family using a charitable foundation as their private piggy bank. Job 3:17-19 "There the wicked cease from troubling; and the weary be at rest".

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

Sisters who made us proud in 2018

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

It's not unusual to find Black women who, despite the odds, make us proud. 2018 was no different. There were many who did just that.

Black women in politics opened many new doors, ran in many areas across the country, who won and helped others win. We've come a long way since Rep. Shirley Chisholm became the first Black woman elected to Congress.

Before I go to those who got credit for winning, and I use the word "credit for winning" because under fair conditions, I have no doubt that Stacey Abrams won. I've been there under similar circumstances when I ran for Congress and was told I lost the election with less than one percent of the vote. When I ride through



Dr. E. Faye Williams

towns in Louisiana now, I haven't found anyone who claimed not to have voted for me! If you drove through Georgia today, I'm sure you'd find very few people who would admit to not voting for Stacey Abrams! The few who didn't vote for her didn't do so for lack of qualifications. She ran against someone who was a candidate and the referee! She was the best qualified candidate in the race. No matter what, she ran a great race, made us proud, and became the first Black woman nominee for Governor of any state. In our hearts, she did win. She ran an incredible campaign and she is to be commended for fighting all the way to the end—despite one of the worst cases of voter suppression.

In other national office races, Black women turned electoral power into political power where they did get credit for the victory. One of the new Congresswomen is Lucy McBath who lost her son, Jordan, to gun violence. She decided to take on gun control and she won! She did it from Georgia—a southern state.

That's something most Democrats have been afraid to do. Lucy sent a powerful message to those afraid to take on the gun lobby when she said after her victory, "This win is just the beginning. . . We've sent a strong message to the entire country. Absolutely nothing - no politician and no special interest - is more powerful than a mother on a mission."

She made her declaration with the guts of Shirley Chisholm, and I believe she's going to be a force to be reckoned with in Washington. Lauren Underwood, a nurse, with a pre-existing condition has a focus on health, was elected in Illinois and not just in a Black district. She won in a predominantly white and 86% Republican district! There again, many have thought that would be impossible—and maybe it was until she won! Her Republican Congressman had voted against the Affordable Care Act. That's when she said, "The game is on." She ran and she won what at one time was Republican Dennis

Hastert's seat! Ayanna Pressley defeated a 10-term Democrat in Massachusetts, making her the first Black woman to serve in Congress from her state!

Johana Hayes, a Teacher of the Year, won a Congressional seat against an incumbent, making her the first Black woman to represent Connecticut in Congress.

I pray that Democratic leaders have taken note of this election, and also see the huge number of Black women mayors of many key cities. Black women have been bringing victories to the Party for a very long time with our very strong vote for Democrats. Add the power of all other women of color and we can continue to win despite the slow rate at which many white women learn who votes and serves in their best interest, too.

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Russia's secret weapon

It is clear now that the 45th president of the United States is knowingly or unwittingly a tool of the Russian government. But for many years before the dumpster fire in the White House came into office, the Kremlin has been wielding a secret weapon against the "land of the



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free."

This weapon is "secret" not because it is hidden, but because a large segment of the American public refuses to acknowledge its existence.

Recent news stories have focused on Russian hackers who have attempted to manipulate the sense of injustice that burdens Black Americans, but these stories fail to fully point out the comprehensive racial injustice that is inherent in America's DNA.

The focus of these stories is on the Russian meddling because that is of more concern to those media outlets than the racial injustice spotlighted by the Russian trolls. Typically, many Americans can be outraged by the use of American hypocrisy as a political tool but have little concern for the hypocrisy

itself. These hypocrites see enraged African Americans as playing into the hands of the Russians. But they are the ones who support both the police officers who murder unarmed Black men and the politicians who conspire to disenfranchise Black voters - scenarios that provide fertile ground for effective Russian intervention.

A brief review of history can pull the curtain back on how America's racial hatred has played into the hands of the Soviet state and later the Russian government.

In 1946, after African Americans returned home from fighting against tyranny abroad during World War II, two Black couples were lynched in Georgia. Moved to act, noted performer and activist Paul Robeson asked President Harry Truman to call for an anti-lynching bill. Truman told him that the time "was not right" to propose such a bill. On Dec. 17, 1951, Robeson presented to the United Nations an anti-lynching petition directed at the United States titled "We Charge Genocide." A year later, Robeson was awarded the International Stalin Prize by the Soviet Union.

Paul Robeson's career and political activism spanned several decades and cannot be fully addressed in this article, but without question, Robeson's quest for justice

for all people put him at odds with the American power structure, and the Soviet Union sought to take advantage of that.

Before Robeson, there was the case of the Scottsboro Boys. These nine African American youths, two of whom were only 12 and 13 years old at the time, were wrongfully accused of raping two white women in Alabama in 1931. Posters denouncing the blatantly unfair criminal proceedings against the Scottsboro Boys appeared in Russia and Americans were enraged, not by the unfair criminal proceedings, but by the fact that the Russians were denouncing the injustice.

In her book published in 2000, Mary Dudziak clearly laid out evidence that between 1945 and 1965 American officials realized that the country's racial problems were ruining its image abroad. Of greatest concern was the message being projected to the newly independent African and Asian nations.

President Dwight Eisenhower was not committed to civil rights until Secretary of State John Foster Dulles explained to him how the violent opposition to desegregating Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, was being witnessed around the world,

exposing the lie of American fairness.

Like Eisenhower, President John F. Kennedy had no disquiet over racial injustice, but after it was made clear that the world had witnessed the church bombing and extreme police brutality in Birmingham, Alabama, and the spectacle of Alabama Gov. George Wallace blocking a young Black woman from entering University of Alabama, Kennedy realized that the country's international image was giving credence to the Russian accusations of hypocrisy.

During this same time, diplomats from newly independent African nations were sending word back to their governments about the racism they were encountering from many white Americans. And every instance of racism and overt white supremacy was ammunition for the Soviet media.

No one should deny that the Soviet Union - and now, Russia - has tried over the years to capitalize on the racial strife in America in order to advance its own geopolitical interests. But the fact that Russia points out the obvious does not

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negate the obvious. America is, and has been during its entire existence, a nation state

founded on racism and white supremacy. And as long as America continues to function on systemic racism, Russia will continue to use that fact to its advantage.

Americans should never

allow any foreign government to try to interfere with its democratic process. But, each time a Philando Castile or a Sandra Bland or a Travon Martin suffers an injustice in the United States, we must ask ourselves,

"Who are we protecting American democracy for?"

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

On the real "Bad Hombres"

As the president of this nation pushes the narrative that this country needs a wall on its southern border because people from Mexico and Central America are "bad hombres" who "bring their rapists, their drugs" and other "bad things," the fact that once again, people of color are being made out to be the "bad" ones does not ring true. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2017/06/16/theyre-rapists-presidents-trump-campaign-launch-speech-two-years-later-annotated/?utm_term=.8ad954839e89)

While there are likely to be some people who seek to live in this country who have questionable motives, it is clear that the majority of them are seeking a better and a safer life. They are not criminals, any more than were people who have historically entered this country from other countries throughout history. (<https://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroom-materials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/italian3.html>) People have flocked here looking for work; the opportunities here that they heard about drew them here in mass numbers.

This president has made it an art form to label the people coming across the southern border as "bad" people, and he keeps lifting up his belief (or maybe his political talking point) that these people are bringing drugs, causing the opioid epidemic that is killing people here every day. There is no mention of the role that big pharmaceutical companies has played in marketing, selling and promoting the use of fentanyl, which is reportedly 100 times more potent than is heroin. "Big pharma," driven by greed, has been intent on making as much money as possible by pushing this dangerous drug. (<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2018/05/insys-subsys-whistleblower-lawsuits/>)

At the same time, as so many people of color are languishing in prisons because they possessed a small amount of marijuana, the former Speaker of the House is encouraging people to come to seminars to learn how to become wealthy by selling marijuana. (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/iris-dorbian/2018/10/19/looking-to-make-millions-from-cannabis-ex-house-speaker-boehner-will-tell-you-how/#15a8e26d7c52>)

Who are the "bad hombres," really, if the definition of the same are those who bring drugs?

Then there is the question of rapists coming over our southern border, as if we do not have a real problem with men keeping their genitals inside of their pants. White supremacy, I am finally understanding, is as much sexual as it is racial; men believe they are superior to women and they have been given power by our patriarchal society. The slew of men who have been accused of and/or convicted of sexual impropriety is only growing. In this country, rapists are in the White House, heading major television networks, making films, starring in movies, sitting in Congress, pastoring churches and giving communion to children.

Americans, in other words, have no platform for touting moral superiority. Bad hombres in our country, permeating every aspect of life, are everywhere, even here.

What is particularly distasteful is that our media really does bring out the fact that a false equivalency is being raised by the White House to push its racist agenda. America has always struggled with immigration and has a history of wanting to keep people of color out. Even though Chinese immigrants were responsible for building much of America's railroads, the Chinese Exclusion Acts were passed by Congress to keep them out. (<https://history.state.gov/milestones/1866-1898/chinese-immigration>) Benjamin Franklin didn't think Germans looked white enough and wanted to keep them and others who had "swarthy complexions" out of the fledgling country. (<https://qz.com/904933/a-history-of-american-anti-immigrant-bias-starting-with-benjamin-franklins-hatred-of-the-germans/>)

The point is that the White House's claim that "bad hombres" are who are coming over the southern border is a dog whistle for its racist desire to keep people of color out of the United States. There are bad hombres in this administration who, though they wear three-piece suits are engaged in shady financial situations, who are rapists, who use drugs and who are now lining up to sell them legally.

The "bad hombres" label is as disingenuous as it is wrong. America needs to see herself for what she is, bad hombres and all.

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Church in Raleigh. "Vernon was a great soul," said Hope Morgan Ward, a bishop of the United Methodist Church.

"He was both a preacher and a prophet and a pastor," she said.

"He was brave. He was strong. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He mentored many clergy, including myself."

Tim Tyson said his father loved "a very broad range of people," including those who disagreed with him.

"He taught us both with his words and with his example that you needed to have the courage to be a prophetic voice but that nobody can hear you scolding them. Nobody can hear you if they don't understand that you love and respect them."

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When Hitler's generals turned on him

(Via NNPA Newswire.com)

Recent events with the Trump administration, including the Bob Woodward book—Fear—and the anonymous op-ed in the New York Times from an alleged member of the Trump administration had me thinking about the July 1944 plot by some of the German military to overthrow Adolph Hitler. My reference to Hitler, just before you jump out of your seat, is not a direct comparison. Rather it is to make a different point.

Germany began an active military buildup shortly after Hitler assumed power. He made an agreement with the

Reichswehr (the name for the Germany military) that he would curtail the more radical elements of the Nazi movement—specifically the S.A. or Stormtroopers—and, as a result, the Reichswehr would lend its support to Hitler's political and military ambitions. While there were probably some in the German military who questioned Hitler's approach, there was little opposition. Instead, the Reichswehr, which later became the Wehrmacht, went forward with naked aggression. Additionally, it abetted the Holocaust carried out against Jews, other minorities and political dissidents.

It was only in 1943/1944 when the tide of the war had turned with the German defeat at the hands of Soviet troops in the battle of Stalingrad, and the later collapse of Mussolini in Italy, that there was a rethinking. It was a rethinking not based on

a moral reawakening among these generals but a recognition that Hitler was in the process of taking Germany down rather than leading it to victory.

The lesson here is important in looking at this moment. There appear to be an increasing number of Republicans who are, quietly and sheepishly, beginning to question the wisdom of the great leader, excuse me, of President Trump. This has been captured through the interviews in Bob Woodward's book, Fear, and equally illuminated by the anonymous op-ed.

To be clear, the covert opponents of Trump are NOT questioning the basic objectives of the administration. Rather, they are questioning the methods being undertaken and the instability brought about by the fact that Trump is, apparently, quite prepared to discard the rule of law.

They are not questioning the disemboweling of the Environmental Protection Agency; they are not questioning Trump's picks for the judiciary; they are not questioning the revoking of the Iran nuclear deal...the list goes on. But what they do realize is that Trump is bringing the temple down on everyone.

None of this is to suggest that the covert opponents of Trump should be ignored or even ridiculed. Opposition to Trump's authoritarianism is always welcomed. But the rest of us must always keep in mind that there are those who resist the demon and the demonic agenda, while there are those who resist the demon because the agenda is under threat.

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Listen - A 2019 challenge in memory of Robby Gregg

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I'm leaving 2018 behind, with its myriad trials and tribulations. For me, many of the challenges revolved around the unhealthy atmosphere in Washington, D.C., and that's not likely to change. But many of the challenges, joys, and sorrows were also personal. One of them was the loss of Robby Gregg, Jr., a diversity expert and consultant at Cook Ross, a diversity and inclusion firm in the DC area that was founded by my dear friend Howard Ross.

Robby died unexpectedly at 58, just a week before Christmas. Alarmed at not having heard from him, a friend went to his home and found him gone. Unless you are part of the D&I community (as diversity experts call themselves), connected to Wake Forest University (Robby was a 1983 graduate), or part of the vast Maya Angelou extended family (Robby was one of Dr. Maya's students at Wake, and an ardent supporter of the Maya Angelou school in

Washington, D.C.), you probably wouldn't know Robby. He was a man worth knowing.

I'm writing about Robby because his memory has challenged me to make a 2019 resolution. I am going to endeavor to listen more, especially to people I disagree with. I'm am going to seek some of these people out for conversation, and I'm also planning to have tea or a meal (without knives—halfway joking) with a few of them. While I will never let go of my commitments to social and economic justice, to racial parity, and to reparations, knowing Robby made me realize that it is also important to open oneself up to thought-provoking conversations with those we disagree with.

Robby and I had been friends for a while, but he was no fan of my confrontational style, and he didn't mind telling me. He was offended by my Facebook page, which is a combination of policy analysis, organizing, and personal sharing. Because I live in a gentrified neighborhood where, in my opinion, my melanin-deficient neighbors can be entitled and inconsiderate, with a sprinkling of racism thrown in, I vent on my page about the brads and the Beckys. And Robby didn't like it. He responded that if I didn't like my neighborhood, I

should move from the home I've lived in for 20 years. Not. I became so angered by his suggestion that we began to avoid each other and cease interaction.

An unpleasant encounter at a social gathering (I was wrong to carry our disagreement into that space) prompted me to reach out, and the result was a wonderful three-hour lunch where we offered each other the gift of listening. I think we both walked away feeling affirmed, if not in perfect agreement or alignment. We could agree that we loved and respected each other and shared common values, even if our ways of going about things was different.

Robby and I shared an appreciation for Howard Ross, the founder of Cook Ross and author of *Belonging: How Our Need To Connect is Tearing Us Apart* (Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2018).

It's a great read about the ways our human tendencies to belong work both for us and against us. Part of the book recounts Howard's journey around the country talking and listening to people who voted for 45, some of whom regret their vote, and others who stand by it. He walked away with a more nuanced understanding of 45 supporters, which he shares in the

book, along with techniques for having civil, even friendly, and informative conversations.

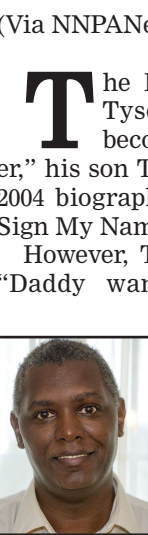
When I interviewed Howard a few weeks ago, he threw out the suggestion of lunching with those with whom I have profound disagreements. I scoffed at it, considering it an utter waste of time in many cases. The day after our interview, Robby Gregg, Jr. was found dead, and I wondered if there was a message in his passing for me. After all, had we not had that delightful long lunch, my friend and I would not have had rapprochement.

So in memory of and in tribute to Robby and, equally importantly, to do my part in exploring the possibility of more civility in our discourse, I'm challenging myself to do more listening. And I'll promise an opponent at least three minutes of uninterrupted time, as long as I'm not on the air. I'm challenging you to do the same. Not just in the name of Robby Gregg, but in the interest of community.

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Stacy M. Brown

tion to the radicalism of white supremacy during the Civil Rights Movement, "didn't cater to my daddy's desires."

Instead, African Americans had to confront "that hate in the streets," but also in their own souls, "to create a new black sense of self."

On Saturday, Dec. 29, the elder Tyson, a retired United Methodist minister who worked in churches throughout North Carolina, died at his Raleigh home.

He was 89. "I am saddened by the passing of Rev. Dr. Vernon C. Tyson, whose fight for social justice in North Carolina will be remembered for genera-

tions to come," said North Carolina Democratic Congressman G.K. Butterfield.

"Vernon Tyson was like a father and bishop to me and the Moral Monday movement," said the Rev. Dr. William Barber, the architect of the Forward Together Moral Monday Movement and president of the North Carolina Chapter of the NAACP. "Often his presence in our midst kept us focused and strong," Barber said.

NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., also remarked on the passing of Tyson.

"I personally and the NNPA express our sincere condolences to the family of the Rev. Dr. Vernon Tyson. He was a fearless freedom fighter in the pulpits and on the streets of North Carolina," Chavis said.

The Rev. Tyson's work on racial reconciliation as a minister in Oxford was central to his son's memoir, according to the News & Observer in Raleigh.

While the Civil Rights Movement was in full flower in the 1950s, "white backlash" marked much of the 1960s, and by 1970 the nation was still in deep conflict with the ideals of racial equality, the newspaper noted.

As Tyson wrote, "The sugar-coated confections that pass for the popular history of the civil rights movement



REVEREND DR. VERNON TYSON

offer outright lies" about the racism and prejudice embraced by most white Americans.

Back then, a lot of white people hated black people and made no bones about it.

Rev. Tyson's first church appointment was in 1952, two years before the U.S. Supreme Court declared school segregation unconstitutional.

"Rosa Parks sat down, Martin Luther King stood up, and something shifted in America," the Rev. Tyson has said, according to the News & Observer.

"I was caught on the front lines of that dilemma. So, it is that the struggles that I went through lots of people went through in my generation," Rev. Tyson said.

"My story is really the story of people without number."

Tim Tyson said he and his father often traveled together to talk about the book, and his father was on set for every day of shooting for a 2010 movie.

"My father has put a little bit of ink on every page I've ever published," Tim Tyson told the newspaper on Saturday after his father died.

The Rev. Tyson worked at churches throughout the state, including in Chapel Hill, Sanford, and at Edenton Street United Methodist

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

A new year

To write a story, I must follow a straight path of clear thinking from the beginning to the end. Peace and comfort must be with me. Difficult situations will come when we do not want it to occur but we can overcome these situations and be the winner. As we enter the new year, there are so many things we must face alone.

One example is not having enough money for monthly

bills because we've overspent buying gifts for our loved ones. We want suitable clothes for our children, who attend school every day.

We sit alone, perhaps, in our living room or the best place to make our final decisions that will last a long time and think of the hurdles we've cleared in 2018. The children have been blessed by the peaceful benefits of home after enjoying the privilege of school. We all think about

safety they've enjoyed on school buses as they've rode to school and back home.



Verniece Stanley

ing almost daily across the

country. We must be ready to accept these changing times. Global warming, tornadoes and hurricanes can cause great destruction in our country.

We think about the "good old days" when our grandparents could overcome many difficult situations in order to be successful in life. We are living in times when we too have difficult situations to overcome, including high unemployment.

In the year of 2018 we had enjoyable happy times to remember, and we expect to create memories in 2019. We trust there will be more pleasant ones than unpleasant ones. Many of these memories will fade away in the future.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from

Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

IT'S 2019 BABE!! Goal-time, YOU READY?

This is an exciting time for most. We have left the woes of 2018 behind and we have such GRAND expectations for 2019 and we should.

The one thing I always remember crossing over into a new year is that I'm crossing over with it. Therefore if my old mindset, same non-productive habits cross over with me, then this year just might be a repeat of the 'not so good' ones of the past. TRUTHS: There was no magic fairy dust that was sprinkled over us when the clock struck 12.

If we have goals, we got to

put in the WERK to make them a reality or it just ain't gonna happen. I'M HOPING ONE OF YOUR 2019 GOALS IS TO BECOME A HOMEOWNER!! It would not be me if I didn't start out the year releasing that upon you. So many leases are fastly coming up for renewal and it's no better time to seriously ask yourself, "Do I really want to keep doing this." If the answer is NO, just like anything else, you must plan your way out of that rental rat race.

It's time to GET THAT D.E.E.D

D... Decide. MAKE A DECI-

SION that you're finally sick and tired of your family not having your own

E... Evaluate.. See where you are and get that game plan to get you where you need to be



Brenda Dixon

D... DO IT. Just DO IT! How many years it's already been

throwing away \$\$\$ Thousands? ... Yes, it's time to JUST DO IT!

I challenge you to fight for this. I encourage you that no matter your current financial situation, home ownership is possible. I plead of you not to let the disappointments of yesteryears tell you it's not obtainable for YOUR family. I know you want it for them, you work hard and you all definitely deserve it. Make it a priority to reach out to a realtor in your area that has a track record of helping 1st-time buyers. You can search by google, ask your friends, co-

worker and family that has purchased if they have a referral. Finding a realtor with a heart of service to help guide you from the beginning is so key. This is the biggest investment of your life to date, and you need sound guidance. No matter how you find the Realtor, interview them. Yes, that's right. You want to make sure they have the knowledge and skills to help you. IMPORTANT: Please keep in mind not to share any of your personal information with Realtors while doing the initial interviews. You only want to share your personal finan-

cial info with the Realtor you decide to hire as your buyer's agent. Only that realtor will be mandated to keep your info confidential. In the coming weeks,

I will continue to share info that will help you with this blessed major milestone. Until next week, please share this article with 3 other people and feel free to reach out for your personalized game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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Brunswick County now accepting LIHEAP applications

Bolivia, NC - Brunswick County began accepting applications for LIHEAP, the annual energy assistance program, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019.

The LIHEAP, or Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, provides a one-time annual vendor payment to help eligible families offset winter heating expenses. The household's total countable income for the base period must be equal to or less than 130 percent of the current poverty level, and the household's total resources must be \$2,250 or less.

Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 2, anyone may apply for the funds, regardless of age or disability. At that time, applications will be taken in person at the Town Creek Park Community Building, 6420 Ocean Hwy East, Winnabow, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Applicants must provide all income for the household and its members; checking and savings account statements for all members of the household; all property, stocks, bonds and other assets for all members of the household; the name, date of birth and social security

number for each member of the household; and a copy of the current heating source bill, with the applicant's name, address and account number.

Individuals who are homebound may have someone apply on their behalf. The homebound individual must write a statement giving their representative permission to apply on their behalf and provide the representative with eligibility requirements.

Applications will be taken until Mar. 31, or until all funds are exhausted. For additional information, please call 910-253-2422.

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Willie G. Robinson

Willie G. Robinson - Age 70 of Washington, DC, formerly of Wilmington, NC passed away on December 24, 2018 at Prince George's Hospital in Maryland after a short illness. He was a 1968 graduate of Williston Sr. High. He retired from the Office of Personnel Management in 2013.

Funeral services will be held at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, 1630 Vermont Avenue N.W., Washington DC 20009 on Friday, January 4th - Viewing from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and service immediately following.

He will be fondly remembered by his brothers John and Ronald, sisters Pearl and Wilma. He was preceded in death by both parents James and Thelma Robinson and two sisters Doris and Rosa.

Falana Sketers

Falana Sketers was born on January 13, 1976 to the late Josie P. Sketers and the late Bernard Coston. She departed this earthly life on December 22, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Falana graduated with the class of 1995 from John T. Hoggard High School. Following high school, Falana worked at Adventure World, as a cashier for Harris Teeter, J. Michael Philly Deli and she also worked as a child care provider. Currently she was an employee at McDonald's. Caring for children was her heart's joy. In her leisure time, Falana loved to cook, sing, dance and pose for pictures.

Falana was a loving and trusting friend. She never met a stranger. Her doors were always open to anyone in need. She was a great listener who listened with her heart and always gave the best advice.

Falana united with Christian Chapel #2 Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Eric Puryear. She served as a member of Christian Chapel #2 Missionary Baptist Church choir where she sang with conviction her favorite song, "In the Sanctuary". Falana found joy in serving her church, family and friends.

Falana was preceded in death by her sisters, Michele Sketers and Wanda Coston, and brother, Bernard Coston Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory: sisters, Synise Sketers Marbley, Gail Marshall, Cheryl Coston, Margaret Coston, Sonya

Coston; brother, Terry Marshall and adopted sister, Kecia Sketers; nieces and nephews, Marcus Sketers, LaShonta Sketers, Shawn Sketers, Kevin Sketers, William Marbley, Candice Marbley, Markale Sketers, and Russell James; step-mother, Annie McCoy Coston; aunt, Harriett Johnson; grand-aunt, Geneva Clark; great-grand-aunt, Curlia Troy; adopted family members, Ms. Valerie Boone, Miss RaVelle Pearsall, Ms. Ernestine Dixon, Mrs. Eleanor Brown and Ms. Eartha Mae Junious; lifelong friends, Erica Aytch, Maia Bryant, Kim McZeek, and Chastity Rhodes and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Kathryn B. Ennett

In the stillness of the early morning on Friday, December 21, 2018, Mrs. Kathryn B. Ennett transitioned to her heavenly home. Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Kathryn B. Ennett, was born March 27, 1918 in Wilmington, NC, to the late Ernest I. King and the late Laura Elizabeth Brown. She was raised by a loving grandmother, the late Susan Kathryn Brown.

An honor student throughout her formative years, she attended the former Gregory Primary and Industrial School. In May 1935, she graduated from Williston Industrial High School where she was a member of the Crown & Scepter Club.

In August 1935, Kathryn married the late Lawrence T. Ennett and in August 1936 they became the parents to a son, Lawrence B. Ennett. He was followed by siblings, Alfred, Barbara Ann, Ronald Dennis (deceased at birth), Ernest Bernard, Ronald Cornelius, and Reginald. She and her husband lovingly taught discipline, perseverance, the importance of education and selflessness. During these years, Kathryn, a gifted seamstress, supplemented the family income by sewing at night for many in the community.

In later years, she was one of the first unit secretaries hired at New Hanover Hospital (now NHRMC). She was also employed as an office assistant in the United Way Senior Aid Program. Retiring in 1981, she served as a volunteer receptionist at Elderhaus, Inc., NHC Senior Center where she also performed with the Singing

Hands, a choral sign language group. For ten years she volunteered as a docent and research assistant at the Cape Fear Museum of History and Science. In 1992, she was a YWCA nominee for its Woman of the Year Award. In 2003, Kathryn was honored for her community service by the Wilmington Alumni Chapter of the Winston Salem State University. In 2004, she was presented the Woman of Distinction Award by the Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc.

Her previous affiliations include: Secretary, Knights of Columbus; Regent, Catholic Daughters of the Americas; member Wilmington Chapter League of Women Voters; Board Member, St. Thomas Preservation Society; Secretary, Masonboro Community Cemetery Association; member, Church Women United, and the Williston Alumni Assoc.

Kathryn is survived by: her children, Lawrence (Shelley) of Addisleigh Park, NY and Hernando, FL, Alfred (Dorris) of Woodbridge, VA, Barbara (John) of Wilmington, NC, Ernest of Siler City, NC, Ronald of Brooklyn, NY and Reginald (Kathia) of Fayetteville, NC. She was the grandmother of twelve, great grandmother of sixteen and great-great grandmother of two. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Margaret Brisbon

Margaret R. Brisbon, age 75, of Leland, passed away Wednesday, December 26, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Ms. Brisbon's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 4, 2019 at Salvation & Deliverance Family Worship Center. Interment will follow in Skipper Hill Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Martha Ewings

Martha Ewings, age 74, of Leland, passed away Sunday, December 30, 2018. Family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. *Services entrusted to Davis*

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Margaret Anderson

Margaret Anderson, age 81, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, December 31, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Ms. Anderson's life will be conducted at 11:00 AM, Saturday, January 5, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church, 815 N 8th St., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Mary Williams

Mary Williams, age 104, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, December 26, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*



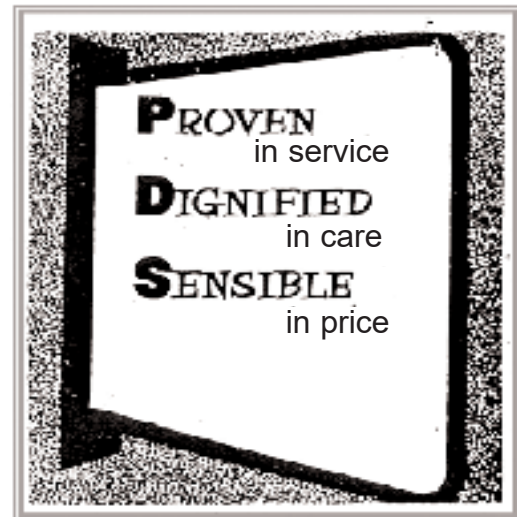
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Church Women United will hold their Annual Meeting on Friday, January 4, 2019 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church beginning at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and sign in and at 10:00 a.m. the meeting will begin.



Religious Briefs

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church Unity Choir, 801 South 10th St., will hold a Gospel Explosion Musical Program on Sunday, January 20th at 3:00 p.m. Local guest singers and praise dancers will perform. For further information call 910-763-5302.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

National Park Service seeks Mississippi sites to build monuments to the civil rights struggle



MEDGAR EVERS



EMMET TILL

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE
SPECIAL TO THE TRICE
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The National Park Service, which manages the country's national parks and many of its national monuments, is studying a location or locations throughout Mississippi to erect a monument or monuments to tell the state's complicated and violent civil rights history, according to National Parks Magazine which was published in the winter of 2019.

The magazine's cover, which is titled "Mississippi Reckoning," is accompanied by a photograph of a smiling Emmet Till, a 14 year-old boy who was beaten to death on August 28, 1955. His body was found in the Tallahatchie River in Money, Mississippi.

"The National Park Service is mandated to the natural and cultural heritage of America, but currently, there are no sites in the system that protect places connected to Emmett Till - or any of Mississippi's complicated civil rights history," the story reported.

Kate Siber, a Durango, Colorado, freelance writer, wrote that in 2017 Congress passed legislation requiring the Park Service to spend three years studying civil rights landmarks in Mississippi. The process could lead to the creation of a new national park or several of them in the state.

Mississippi is the bloody burial ground for known and unknown African Americans murdered by white racists who were found not guilty by white male juries and white-male judges. Often enough, white perpetrators of racial violence were not charged

and tried. Some of the victims include Till, Medgar Evers, state field director for the NAACP. Evers was assassinated in the driveway of his Jackson, Mississippi home on June 12, 1963.

And Civil Rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney, were killed in 1964 by the Ku Klux Klan and the police. Their bodies were found in an earthen dam near Philadelphia, Mississippi. (In the cover photo, Dr. King is holding a photo of the three men who at the time were missing.)

When Till's severely beaten and disfigured body floated to the surface of the Tallahatchie River, police discovered the bodies of three other unidentified black men who had gone missing after suffering violent deaths. In addition, whites in Mississippi lynched 581 blacks between 1882 and 1968, the most of any state.

There is interest in a monument or monuments.

In 2018, 350 people attended six statewide public meetings to make recommendations. One site could be Evers' home, which is now a museum, The U. S. House of Representatives passed legislation in May that would designate his home a national monument.

However, monuments honoring blacks have not fared well in Mississippi. A sign marking the place where Till's body was pulled from the Tallahatchie River has been replaced three times after gunmen shot it full of holes.

The article is attached to an email urging readers to donate money to the Emmett Till Interpretive Center to continue the organization's fund-raising efforts.

SENIOR MOMENTS

The Black community needs to come together

My Fellow Seniors:

Ladies and gentlemen, the Black community is coming apart. I don't do much driving anymore. So I sent my last article to the Journal to be dropped off by a neighbor. It was never published, so I do not believe it was ever delivered.

I was planning to call several people on Christmas Day, but their house phones have

been turned off, and I do not have their cell numbers. You already know the church is aging because young people are dropping out. So what does that say about the future of the strong Black community?

Ruth Johnson

Do we stand together on politics, religion,

morality or anything? We do read *The Wilmington Journal*, but we read alone. We think about what we read, but it goes no further.

We got our religion on a long time ago, so do we still need the church? We can read the Bible at home. So what defines the Black community? Where do we stand on anything?

Integration has become very important to us, but I'm trying to find a way to

describe the Black community. For many years, we thought it would be good to just be Americans, but is that possible?

Or do we still need to think about what it means to be Black Americans? Maybe we should just reach out. Take somebody's hand and make this world a better place, anyway we can.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"A new heart"

"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." I Samuel 16:7

Heart: Seat of emotions; Center of feelings

As we settle into the new year of 2019, we realize the privilege of being alive to enjoy the blessings of the Lord. We are witness to the new things that God is declaring and the new opportunities that God is sharing with us. For many people, this new year is also a new beginning. It is an opportunity to fix what was broken, or right that which was wrong. God's grace and mercy has permitted some of us to pursue unfulfilled dreams, to finish unfinished tasks, and to complete divine assignments. God knows the way we take, and he knows we need more time, more grace and more mercy!

When our fellow men look upon us, they only see our outward appearance. While we may appear outwardly prosperous, healthy, wealthy and wise, God sees our urgent inner need for a new heart! In his faithfulness to us, he makes a way for us to have all our needs supplied, according

to his riches in glory.

A new heart can be very instrumental in keeping new year's resolutions. The heart controls the affections the emotions, behaviors and beliefs. The heart is also the place where faith works or fails to work. When a decision to resolute is made, the outcome is often short-lived,



Sylvia Hooper

because it was not made with a new heart, only a new intention. Deeds not done from the heart, may soon be forgotten!

Resolutions are found to be more lasting and fruitful, when there is a willingness to change. Real and lasting change comes from the inside out! Promises, confessions, and goals, must be sincere and from the heart in order to succeed. Matthew 15:8 says,

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." God knows when and why we need a new heart!

In setting goals for this new year, we should acknowledge God. Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to the fruit of his doings." We mean well, but cannot always trust our heart in making important decisions. Proverbs 28:26 says, "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered."

Sometimes, we just need to ask God for a new heart. In Jeremiah 24:7, he said, "And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart."

II Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature:

old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Thank God for Jesus, making a way for each of us to receive, "a new heart". Happy New Year and always remember to.....Tell Somebody!!!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

Congress moves to help inmates in federal prisons but not in predominately Black state prisons

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE
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Congress has passed legislation reducing sentences for some inmates serving time in federal prisons, but the law won't affect state prisons and jails where the majority of black men are serving time.

The legislation called "First Step Act," Senate bill 2795, passed by a vote of 87 to 12. The House of Representatives passed the legislation 358-36. Now it will go to President Trump who has promised to sign it.

First Step is designed to reduce recidivism, according to GovTrac, which monitors federal legislation.

The bill also would place inmates in prisons close to their homes to increase the likelihood of more family visitation, order home confinement for low-risk prisoners, prohibit the use of restraints on pregnant prisoners, expand adult employment for returning prisoners through federal programs and treatment of prisoners for heroin and opioid use and addiction, and ease federal sentencing laws.

The Sentencing Project, a Washington, D.C.-based advocate for a fair and effective justice system by promoting reforms, called the Senate's passage of First Step "an important milestone in the long road to ending mass incarceration and curbing the excesses and harm in the



BARS AT A CALIFORNIA PRISON

federal justice system."

"The last time Congress passed legislation to reduce sentences was in 2010 when Congress reformed the racially disparate mandatory minimum penalties governing crack cocaine offenses," The Sentencing Project reported.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate groups, also praised the legislation, but the Law Center said the legislation will have no impact on state sentencing laws or on people who are incarcerated in state prisons or local jails.

In 2016, The Sentencing

Project published "The Color

of Justice: Racial and Ethnic Disparity in State Prisons," which noted that African Americans are incarcerated in state prisons across the country at more than five times the rate of whites." In some states, Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey, Vermont and Wisconsin the disparity is 10 to 1. The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that 35 percent of state prisoners are white, 38 percent are black and 21 percent Hispanic. Oklahoma has the highest incarceration rate of black males, which is 1 in 29 adults and 1 in 15 for

black boys 18 to 21.

At the end of 2017, there was an estimated 1,489, 600 inmates in state and federal prisons, according to the Vera Institute of Justice, which is based in New York.

There were 1, 306,300 inmates in state prisons, 9,900 fewer than in 2016, and 183, 300, or 5, 900 fewer in federal prisons than in 2016. As of December 13, the figure was 180,790 in federal prisons.

The decline in the number of inmates in state prisons is not across the board. Some state prisons have added inmates.

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Bennett College launches campaign fundraiser

BY PHYLLIS BOYKIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What do Dr. Willa B. Player, the Honorable Gladys Ashe Robinson, Ph.D., Yvonne Jeffries Johnson, Carolyn Robertson Payton, and the Honorable Belinda J. Foster, JD, all have in common? Each one has direct educational ties to Bennett College, a Liberal Arts, residential institution for women that was founded in 1873, and still exists to date, with a long-standing history connected to African-Americans' fights for a quality education for all women, plus Human and Civil Rights, in a nation built primarily from the hard work, determination, hardships, and sacrifices of their African and Native-American ancestors.

Located at 900 East Washington Street in Greensboro, North Carolina, Bennett College became the first all-women's college in the country in 1926. Bennett and Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, are the only two all-women's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the United States, with both having graduated some of the most ambitious, highly qualified, competent, and competitive women in our nation, like those referenced in the opening paragraph of this article.

Established during a time when educating women, in general, let alone African-American women, was unpopular, unacceptable and intolerable, Bennett College has

stood the tests of time and remains as a "beacon of hope" for current generations of women, as well as for those still to come and yet unborn, who seek a quality education, with all the attributes necessary to achieve success.

Bennett's current President, Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, Ph.D., who serves as the institution's eighteenth leader, has every intention of doing all that she can to ensure that this sacred historical place that allows women to learn in nurturing environments, where support and enthusiasm are par for the course, endures the tests of time, come what may. Dawkins is especially determined that Bennett College continues to excel under her watch and beyond.

In order to ensure Bennett's longevity, Dr. Worthy-Dawkins, along with her Cabinet Officers, LaDaniel Gatling, II, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Sara Wrenn, Ph.D., President of the Faculty Senate; and Antonnio Gallimore, Staff Council President, as well as with members of the Board of Trustees, are in the thick of their Annual Giving Campaign Fundraiser. Their current goal is raise \$5 million by Friday, February 1st, 2019.

Thus, with only a few weeks left, fundraising initiatives have escalated as they reach out to Bennett Alumnae, students, faculty, staff, friends, sponsors, and corporate donors in an effort to foster support that will help



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them to possibly exceed their financial goal by the deadline.

You may have received their letter, heard about the campaign on the local or national news, read it in the newspaper, through Social Media, or gotten a phone call from a Bennett Belle. No matter what mechanism of communication, or if you are hearing about their efforts from this article, your support

is needed and no amount that you can afford to give is too small. You can donate by executing either of the following ways:

- Visit www.bennett.edu/ donate to make online donations:

- Text the word "Belles" to the number 444999 and follow the instructions;

- Mail or bring your check or money order to: Bennett

College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 East Washington Street, Greensboro, NC 27401. (Please do not mail cash donations.)

If you have any questions, please contact Bennett College's Office of Institutional Advancement at 336-517-2248.

If you are interested in other ways to assist Bennett's officials with their fundrais-

ing initiatives, please #StandwithBennett. Share positive feedback with folks in your networks on Twitter, Facebook and/or Instagram, who may be interested in making a tax-exempt donation to Bennett College.

On behalf of everyone associated with Bennett College, thank you for your support and financial generosity during this Season of Giving.

Five African American NFL head coaches fired

BY LAUREN VICTORIA BURKE
NNPA NEWSWIRE
CORRESPONDENT

Five of the NFL's seven African American head coaches were fired on December 31st. Arizona Cardinals head coach Steve Wilks was fired after just one season. The Cardinals' record was 3-13 — the worst record in the league — but over the last 18 years, there have only been ten head coaches who were fired after only one year. Three of them were African American.

This NFL season the following Black head coaches were fired: Marvin Lewis (Bengals, 6-19), Vance Joseph (Broncos, 6-10), Todd Bowles (Jets, 4-12), Hue Jackson (Browns, 7-8) and Steve Wilks (Cardinals, 3-13).

The firings mean there are now only two Black head coaches in the NFL: Chargers head coach Anthony Lynn and Steelers longtime head coach Mike Tomlin.

The firing of Wilks in Arizona after only one season won particular attention. In the NFL, many coaches fail in their first year yet remain employed.

Though the NFL has made great improvements in hiring Black head coaches over the last twenty years as the result the Rooney Rule, the recent firings were sobering. The Rooney Rule mandates that NFL teams interview at last one minority candidate before making their final hiring decision.

Professional football is dominated by African American players, as over 70 percent of them are African American. Typically, players go on to become coaches but the overwhelming numbers on the field have yet to surface among the coaching ranks in the NFL. Many see the recent firings as ironic progress: There was a time when the firing of five African American coaches would have been inconceivable because there were none on the sidelines. However, thirty percent of NFL coaches were Black before the firings this season.

Though one of the coaches fired, Hue Jackson, has one of the worst win/loss records in the modern NFL, many point to the fact that there haven't

been enough hired over a long enough time to conclude that the hiring and firing pattern is biased one way or the other. Still others say that management above the head coaching position is actually often to blame for failing results and losing records.

From 2007-2008, Lane Kiffin went 5-15 with the Oakland Raiders. From 2000-2002, Dave Campo went 15-33 over two seasons. From 2006-2008, Rod Marinelli went 10-38, which included a 0-16 season, with the Detroit Lions.

"Despite owning one of the league's worst rosters, the Cardinals fired their coach anyway, as Bidwill scapegoated Wilks — who became only the 10th coach to be fired after only one season since 2000 — for the franchise's failures," wrote NFL writer for Yahoo News, Terez Paylor, regarding Wilks' firing.

Writer Dave Zirin, who writes about race and sports often, wrote, "In a league 70% African American, there are now two (!) Black head coaches after today's (firings). Shameful numbers. Failure of a Rooney Rule without



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teeth and owners who will nearly always bend towards whiteness."

"Not a good look for diversity today in the NFL. In 2006, when Commissioner Goodell was hired, there were seven minority coaches and four minority general managers. Today there are three minority HCs and 1 minority GM

after Ozzie retires," wrote Jim Trotter.

The regular season in the NFL ended on December 30. As more changes are made over the off season there is likely to be more Black head coaches added. But for now, the debate on the numbers will focus on the recent firing and whether those dismissed

will find employment elsewhere for 2019.

Lauren Victoria Burke is an independent journalist and writer for NNPA as well as a political analyst and strategist as Principal of Win Digital Media LLC. She may be contacted at LBurke007@gmail.com and on twitter at @LVBurke.

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This the 13th day of December, 2018

Keecha Anderson, Executor
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December 13, 20, 27, 2018,
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December 13, 20, 27, 2018,
January 3, 2019

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December 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Lisa Briana Speagle Vance**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of December, 2018

Mary Patricia Wakefield Felton, Administratrix
1289 Fordham Blvd Suite 249
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

December 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 17, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Royce Eldred Ivey**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **13th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of December, 2018

Jeannette Claudia Prevatte Ivey, Administrator
226 Cherokee Trail
Wilmington, NC 28409

December 13, 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as co-Executors of the Estate of **Betty F. Tomaselli**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 20th day of December, 2018.

Joel Tomaselli, co-Executor of the Estate of Betty F. Tomaselli 1900 Eastwood Rd, Suite 10
Wilmington, NC 28403
Kent Tomaselli, co-Executor of the Estate of Betty F. Tomaselli 335 Dogwood Lane
Hampstead, NC 28443
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Mabel Topel Kerekes**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th day of December, 2018

Pamela Kerekes Britt, Administratrix
1804 Perry Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JT 288**

IN THE MATTER OF:
K.P.J.S. (D.O.B. 01/21/2015)

TO: RESPONDENTS: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO TO SHANTELE STOKES

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following January 3, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR March 11, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County
Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 632-0424

January 3, 10, 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Nelson Wayne Shaw**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 20th day of December, 2018.

Joanne N. Shaw, Administrator of the Estate of Nelson Wayne Shaw
1011 Porters Neck Rd
Wilmington, NC 28411
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Doris Grizzle DeVane**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **3rd day of April, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of January, 2019

George Douglas Grizzle, Executor
5724 Blue Clay Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JT 40**

IN THE MATTER OF:
N.Y.G. (D.O.B. 08/06/2008)

TO: RESPONDENTS: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA TO SAABRA GLOVER

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following January 3, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR February 25, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County
Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 632-0424

January 3, 10, 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY**

Having qualified on the 14th day of August, 2018, as Executor of the Estate of **MORRIS DEAN EMS**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Helen L. Ridenour, at 4109 Hearthside Drive; #104, Wilmington, NC 28412, on or before the **13th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 6th day of December, 2018.

HELEN L. RIDENOUR, EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Dashiell Titus Parker**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th day of December, 2018

Michelle Lee O'Rourke, Administratrix
213 Forest Hills Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **William Edgar Price, Jr., (18-E-1314)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 27, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of December, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator of the Estate of William Edgar Price, Jr.
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 17, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Marilyn Madge Atkinson, (18-E-1418)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 27, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of December, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator of the Estate of Marilyn Madge Atkinson
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Lucille Hawes Bouknight Moore**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **3rd day of April, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of January, 2019

Marilyn Louise Johnson, Executrix
506 Grace Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF:
HARLEE BELLAMY EVANS, JR.**

The undersigned having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Harlee Bellamy Evans, Jr.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **8th day of April, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 2nd day of January, 2019

Ann Evens Ballard, Co-Executor
Collese Evans Morris, Co-Executor
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420
Fax No: 910-762-4176

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

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Wilmington, NC 28403

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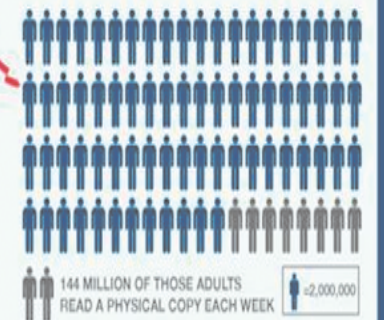
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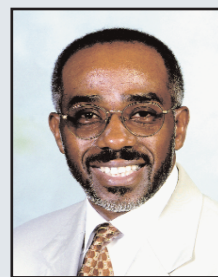
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